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Changes

1. **1 FAM 543.1**, previously the Office of Oceans Affairs, is now the Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs.
2. **Change transmittal** has replaced the term, transmittal letter. Change transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission.
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